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Tragedy strikes local community on last Sunday night of 2018

Three young people from Elba die in car crash near Kinston

Tragedy struck the Elba community earlier this week when a Sunday night wreck claimed the lives of three Elba teens.

Alabama State Troopers said the two-vehicle accident occurred at 9:30 p.m. Sunday night, Dec. 30, on Alabama Highway 189 near the 2-mile marker, approximately one mile north of Kinston, Ala. A 2010 Mercedes, driven by Jakan Kyle, age 18, of

Elba, reportedly collided with a 1987 Chevrolet 6500 truck, driven by Thomas Wayne Campbell of Kinston.

The wreck was reported to emergency dispatch as a head-on collision.

Kyle was killed along with two passengers from his vehicle - Quentin Deshaun Bryan, age 19, of Elba, and Branden Lee Nelson, age 17, of Elba. All three were pronounced

dead at the scene.

Kyle was a senior at Elba High School this year, and The Elba Clipper has learned that Nelson also was an Elba student.

Elba City Schools remained out of school this week on Christmas break, but students will return Jan. 7, and measures will be taken to assist the students as they deal with the loss of their classmates.

No further information had been made available by Alabama State Troopers as of press time this week; and the wreck remained under investigation.



TWO-VEHICLE WRECK AT INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS 134 AND 87...Emergency personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle wreck early Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 26, at the intersection of Alabama Highway 87 and Alabama Highway 134. Upon arrival, they found a Ford Mustang car had collided with an 18-wheeler. It took several hours to clear this wreckage due to the 18-wheeler going off road after the two vehicles collided. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Troopers.

ALSDE releases report card information - Elba and Coffee County systems improve

Elba superintendent excited about growth numbers for school system

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) has released the Accountability System Section of the Alabama Unified Report (AUR).

This portion of the report includes the Alabama State Report Card (commonly

referred to as the A-F Report Card) and provides a letter grade for each school/school system.

The Elba City School System received an overall "B" on its report card improving two points up to an 82 for the 2017-2018 year. The system received an 80 for 2016-17.

"First, I want to thank all the administrators, teachers and students for their hard

work on continuing to move our system forward," said Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley.

"As a system both schools continue to increase our points in academic growth which shows that student scores are going up. That is something I have always preached since getting here in 2015...work on every student going up in scores. Whether it's a little or a lot, improvement is improvement."

Moseley said Elba Elementary went up 10 points on this report card from 73 to 83 making great strides in the academic growth section of the score.

"We are extremely proud of that jump in score," he said. "The elementary school moved from 81% in growth to 100% this year, which is wonderful."

Moseley said Elba High scored a 79 this year with an 80 last year, but he said he is very proud of them maintaining because high schools have more areas to worry about on the score with the report card.

"The high school still continued to go up on growth as well moving up from 89% on growth to 96%," he said.

The Coffee County School System, which includes Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton schools, also received an overall "B" on its report

card. This system improved from an 84 overall last year to 88 overall for 2017-2018.

The state has an overall "B" rating, as well.

"Overall, we are pleased with the academic growth that we see across the state,"

Alabama Superintendent Eric Mackey said. "It is a testament to the dedication

of our teachers, principals, and all those who support their work that student performance continues

to rise. As state superintendent, I am grateful for these hardworking individuals in our

local schools who improve the trajectory of children's lives every day."

He continued, "The 2018 State Accountability report tells us something valuable about a school or school system, but it does not tell us everything about that school or system. Based primarily on a particular assessment, it is a snapshot in time. When stacked together year after year, similar to snapshots of your family, these pictures of school academic performance can certainly be used to monitor academic progress and growth. But when we describe our children, we use more than snapshots; we talk about their personalities, struggles, challenges, aspirations, successes."

Mackey said, for example, there are many excellent, hardworking teachers in lower-scoring schools just as there is in the higher

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Elba Elementary announces possible opportunity to expand Pre-K program

Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley announced last week that Elba Elementary School [EES] may have the opportunity to expand the Pre-K Program at EES by gaining an additional Pre-K unit this school year.

For those with a child that turned 4 years old before September 1, 2018 and would like to ensure that child is added to the current list of students waiting for the opportunity to be served, please private message Elba Elementary principal Debra Strickland the information listed: Parent Name; Child's Name; Address; Date of Birth; and Phone Number

One may simply message this information privately via email to Strickland at dstrickland@elbaed.com. There will be no online applications available.

A look back at the "top stories" from 2018

Top Stories from January 2018

- The City of Elba approved a resolution to apply for and participate in the FY2018 ALDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). If the grant is awarded, the city would then begin design on a project to run a sidewalk from the Dairy Queen north on Claxton Avenue to the intersection of the Hwy 203 Bypass and from there west on the Bypass to the Travel Center.

- Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton confirmed a large amount of methamphetamine (ICE) had been seized by officials in the 200 block of Coffee County Road 359 on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Sutton said Heather Smith Jones, age 42, of Elba was taken into custody and charged with trafficking methamphetamine, distribution of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Alabama is experiencing widespread influenza (flu) activity, and hospitals are at or over normal patient capacity due in large part to the number of patients presenting with seasonal influenza-like symptoms.

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey declares a state of emergency due to this increased flu activity.

- The trial of an Elba man facing murder and attempted murder charges in the June 2014 shooting in an Opp night club is under way. Kanavis Malik Cole is charged with murder for the shooting death of 20-year-old Demetrice Hines and the attempted murder of 26-year-old James Danshay Edwards.

Top Stories from February 2018

- After three-and-a-half years in the Covington County Jail, Kanavis Malik Cole walked out of the courthouse in Andalusia a free man. Cole, age 26, pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge of criminally negligent homicide. He had been charged with

murder and attempted murder in the June 2014 shooting death of Demetrice Lawon Hines, 20 of Opp.

- The state department of education released numbers on its prototype [first model] for the new report card system to evaluate schools.

Most schools/systems in the Wiregrass area scored an overall B on the report card, and some had a C. The Elba School System was among those rating a B for this prototype report card.

- The Elba Recreation's Boys 10U basketball team won the Elba 10U Basketball Tournament held Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Elba High School gymnasium. The Elba boys beat Opp 45-33 and Evergreen 40-37 [in the finals] to earn the tourney trophy.

- The Elba Board of Education voted Tuesday, Feb. 20, to hire Pate Harrison as the new head football coach for Elba. A 12-year coaching veteran, Harrison will come to Elba from Dale County High School where he has been the head football coach the past six years.

Top Stories from March 2018

- The Elba City Council meeting room was overflowing with local citizens at the beginning of the Monday evening, Feb. 26, council meeting. The council had announced at the previous meeting that changes in city ordinances to ban any hunting within the city limits were being considered. Presently it has been allowed, within the limits of state game laws. The group began a passionate discussion with the city fathers, firing questions and defending the tradition of legally hunting in fields and wooded areas within the city.

- The Coffee County Board of Education took steps to move forward with the New Brockton Elementary kitchen additions project. This project had been re-bid, and superintendent Terry Weeks said

the low bid came from general contractor BCS from Brundidge, Ala. The overall bid included a base bid with an alternate one and alternate two, and this total was \$1,070,912.

- Construction of the new Splash Pad at the Tiger Town Park complex in downtown Elba began late last week. A splash pad is a recreation area, often in a public park, for water play that has little or no standing water. This is said to eliminate the need for lifeguards or other supervision, as there is little risk of drowning as the water sprays from spouts, etc. and in essence creating a playground with water props.

- The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday, March 15, in a special meeting during which the upcoming retirement of Superintendent Terry Weeks was acknowledged by the board. Weeks said he plans to retire on July 1, 2018.

- Well over a year of planning, fund raising, excited anticipation and more culminated Saturday, March 17, in Chicago, Illinois for the Elba Marching Tiger Band. Nearly 100 Elba City Schools' students marched and performed in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade.

- A report of a "loud boom" early Sunday morning, March 25, in Brantley, Ala. turned into one of the largest fires the area had experienced in many years. The fire began at approximately 5:30 a.m. at the Brantley Recycle Center.

Top Stories from April 2018

- The Elba Police Department responded Tuesday night, March 27, at approximately 8 p.m. to the report of a vehicle crash, involving a pedestrian, near the intersection of Farris Street and Kendrick Street in Elba [at the Kendrick Apartments entrance]. The victim was Tiera Burks, age 20, of Elba. She died as a result of the injuries she had sus-

tained. The investigation led to the arrest of Danae Ware, age 33, of Elba, and she was charged with murder.

- On Monday, April 2, a functional exercise was held at Zion Chapel School in Coffee County simulating an active shooter entering the campus. This was held in conjunction with Coffee County EMA, the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, and Coffee County Schools.

- The Coffee County Board of Education heard from a concerned parent during the April board meeting held last Thursday, April 5th. Elijah Moring spoke of an incident that happened Feb. 2nd among students including his stepdaughter. He said at one point during this incident one student allegedly told his stepdaughter that, "I hope you die like your father." Moring said his stepdaughter's father is deceased, and this was a traumatizing statement to be made to the young girl. He said his stepdaughter was suspended for 3-days for allegedly telling that student that she was going to punch her in the face.

- Two separate single vehicle crashes early Sunday morning, April 15, in the same location in Crenshaw County claimed two lives and sent another person to a Montgomery, Ala. hospital. One of the two fatalities was an Elba man. The first of the two accidents happened at 5:50 a.m. Sunday morning, April 15, on Alabama Highway 97 at the 7-mile marker, seven miles south of Highland Home. This accident claimed the life of Reginald Bernard Howard, age 52, of Selma, Ala. Only 5 minutes after the first accident, another single vehicle accident occurred in the same location on Alabama Highway 97, at the 7-mile marker, seven miles south of Highland Home. This accident

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Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be at the Coffee County Community Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

COFFEE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE WILL PRESENT ENSEMBLE MÉLANGE on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center. For information, call 334.406.2787 or visit the web at www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Every day I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work."
— Robert Orben

We have some good news from the holidays. Our family's two avid Alabama football fans got to their respective homes from the family gathering, into their favorite chair, etc., to watch the Oklahoma game and survived the Saturday night event. The four touchdown opening lead for the Tide surely helped their feelings and emotions. Now both son and son-in-law probably got mad with the officials, questioned more than one play called and threatened to pull a player out of the game on several occasions, but all that was forgiven though when the final whistle blew and their Tide was the decisive winner. Needless to say they are already planning for the Clemson game where all the marbles will be in the center ring. Of course even before the Saturday game had started they were grumbling about the West Coast location of the upcoming championship game. Of course it is very doubtful that either one would attend the game at any location, considering the highway robbery cost of even the 'nose bleed' level tickets. Especially with far better seats right in the dens.

Deaths happen. Each of us know that, but it is never easy to accept, especially when the person dying is known to us. It gets more painful to those closer to the deceased. It has been nagging us during recent weeks that we are personally getting hit with another of those heavy heart feelings as an admired person dies. The natural instinct is to reach out and squeeze those very close to the one who has passed on to the greater reward, but really while it does make us feel better, the close friend or family member gets only a slight assurance that others feel their suffering. The three young men that died Sunday evening as they were reaching adulthood only add to the grief of each of us who knew them, and watched them grow up right here in Elba.

We hope each of our readers has a great New Year, surpassing the good 2018 year and/or avoiding the pitfalls experienced during any of the past twelve months. It is not practical to think we can make things suddenly much better, but we can set a goal of doing a little better today than yesterday, yesterday and yesterday.

Still thinking on the 'better' aspect of things, the stock market prices are still in a downward spiral, much to the distress of anyone investing in that maze. Probably any honest 'expert' in that department will acknowledge that no one understands why these sudden ups and downs in stock prices. So far they have been correct in comments that 'the price will come back in time'. Us senior citizens can't help but wonder . . . whose time?

Everyone is hearing the sad stories from federal employees who have been cut loose without pay during the ongoing shutdown. Hopefully when (if) they get back to work, this will embed in their brains the critical need to stick back several months of living expenses before the next political goof up happens — and it will. We all know the answer to this will be "Can't afford it". Folks, you can't afford NOT to do it — but of course over time, not in next two weeks. Now we each have someone, or group, to blame for this breakdown in conducting government business but that does not change the facts. Frankly we are embarrassed that U. S. citizens send people to Washington to run our business and this is what we get.

Retail salespersons and nurses are most sought-after employees according to HWOL data info

Data collected and analyzed by the Alabama Department of Labor's Labor Market Information Division shows that the most online wanted ads were for retail salespersons, registered nurses, and heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, with 6,409 ads placed for those occupations in November.

The Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data is compiled from all online job postings in the state, including those posted on the state's free online jobs database, www.joblink.alabama.gov, and other sources; such as traditional job boards, corporate boards, and social media sites. There were 48,559 online ads this

month, of those 11,496 were new ads.

Retail salespersons earn a mean wage of \$13.55 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of \$28.43 per hour, and heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of \$19.99 per hour.

The top three employers posting ads in November

were: CVS Health (716), UAB Medicine (689), and McDonald's Corporation (621).

Thirty percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and 63% of all ads are less than 90 days old.

"We'd like to encourage anyone who needs a job, or wants a different job, to come into one of our Career Centers for assistance," said Alabama Secretary of Labor Fitzgerald Washington. "Our trained staff can assist you in obtaining the career you want."

A listing of Career Centers can be found at www.joblink.alabama.gov.

The Alabama Department of Labor / The Alabama Career Center System is a partner in Alabama Works, Alabama's unified workforce system.

Administration changes coming at Troy University

Dr. Earl Ingram, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Troy University, will retire effective Jan. 1, after 31 years of service to the University.

Dr. Lance Tatum, who previously served as vice chancellor of the University's Montgomery Campus, will take over the role on an interim basis. Tatum has worked with Ingram this fall to ensure a smooth transition.

Mr. Ray White, who most recently served as TROY's vice chancellor for human resources before retiring, has assumed the role of vice chancellor of the Montgomery Campus. White had previously served as vice chancellor of the Montgomery Campus from 2005 to 2014.

"The most important thing we do as an institution is to serve students. The second most important thing we do is hire good people," said Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor. "For more than 30, Dr. Ingram has provided valuable leadership to Troy University, and I am grateful for his dedicated service to our University and its

students, faculty and staff. I am also pleased that we have the type of expertise and experience that Dr. Tatum and Mr. White provide as they step into their new roles."

Dr. Ingram joined TROY in 1987, teaching for three years the Sorrell College of Business. He was then appointed to serve as the regional director for the European Region. Returning to Troy in 1995, he served in the Sorrell College of Business as department chair, assistant dean and dean.

From 2006 to 2011, he served as the vice chancellor of TROY Global Campus. In this position, he was the senior administrator responsible for the University's educational programs outside the state of Alabama, at teaching locations throughout the world and to online learners through eTROY. In September 2010, he was appointed interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and in May 2011, that appointment was made permanent.

Dr. Tatum, a TROY alumnus with bachelor's

and master's degrees in education and a Ph.D. from Florida State University, joined the TROY faculty in 1998 as an assistant professor of sport management before becoming chair of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion in 2000.

In 2006, Dr. Tatum was named dean of the University's College of Education. He became vice chancellor for TROY's Global Campus, and was named a vice chancellor for the University's Montgomery Campus in 2013.

White served for more than nine years as vice chancellor for the Montgomery Campus before being named as vice chancellor for human resources. Prior to joining TROY, White served as commandant of the United States Air Force's Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

White holds a master's degree in adult education and a bachelor's degree in human resources management/personnel administration from Troy University.

Alabama continues to break employment and job records

Employment and job counts have once again reached record levels. In November 2018, 2,128,082 people were counted as employed, an increase of 46,330 from November 2017. Wage and salary employment, which measures the number of jobs our economy is supporting, grew to 2,069,800, representing a yearly increase of 35,400 jobs.

"Business is booming in Alabama," said Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington. "We are continuing to shatter employment records month after month. Jobs are growing at a record 1.7% yearly growth rate. It's a great time to be doing business in Alabama."

Wage and salary employment grew by 1.7% from November 2017 to

November 2018, tying with October 2018 and July 2015 for the largest over-the-year percentage growth in history.

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 35,400, with gains in the professional and business services sector (+11,900), the manufacturing sector (+10,200), and the education and health services sector (+3,200), among others.

Wage and salary employment increased in November by 6,400. Monthly gains were seen in the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+6,000), the education and health services sector (+1,700), and the government sector (+1,200), among others.

Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 4.0, down

from October's rate of 4.1%, and above November 2017's rate of 3.8%. November's rate represents 87,757 unemployed persons, compared to 89,745 in October and 81,970 in November 2017.

"Average weekly earnings continue to increase, with workers seeing an additional \$34.76 per week in their paychecks," continued Washington. "Those working in the manufacturing sector also saw an increase in their earnings, with manufacturing weekly earnings at their highest level in history."

Total private average weekly earnings increased to \$838.89, up from \$804.13 in November 2017, representing a \$34.76 increase. This represents the second highest level in history, surpassed only by September 2018's average

weekly wages of \$849.89.

Manufacturing earnings rose to their highest level in history, to \$1062.18 per week.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.5%, Marshall, Madison, and Cullman Counties at 2.9%, and Morgan, Limestone, and Elmore Counties at 3.0%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 7.9%, Clarke County at 6.4%, and Dallas and Lowndes Counties at 5.8%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Homewood and Vestavia Hills at 2.3%, Alabaster at 2.4%, and Northport, Madison, and Hoover at 2.5%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 6.5%, Prichard at 6.1%, and Anniston at 4.7%.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 24, made the following arrests: five for outstanding warrants, two for driving under the influence, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, and one for assault.

There were seven traffic citations and 17 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Dec. 24th – Dec. 30th.

MONDAY, DEC. 24 – Suspicious vehicle report-

ed on Pine Circle (12:08 a.m.); Use of possible counterfeit money reported at a business on Hwy 203 (8:39 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at Hwy 203 and Carver Dr – no injuries (11:46 a.m.); Possible intoxicated driver reported on Lower Curtis Road (7:13 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Simmons St (7:49 p.m.); Officer out with a suspicious person on Boutwell Ave (8:15 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DEC. 25 – Possible break-in reported on Hwy 166 (12:11 p.m.); Report of tires slashed on Harper Dr (4:43 p.m.); Report of tires slashed on a vehicle on Jones St (4:47 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26 – Suspicious pedestrian [possibly intoxicated] reported in area of Troy Hwy and Hwy 203 (1:07 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 27 – Two-vehicle accident reported in area of OK Tire Store and Mr. Henry's (11:03 a.m.); Report of single vehicle accident near Gene's Auto Sales and the Hwy 203 Bypass (10:49 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 28 – Shoplifting reported at a business on N Claxton Ave (7:33 a.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 29 – Officer out with a suspicious vehicle at Hawkins Williams Park – advised two subjects to leave the area (1:10 a.m.); Assault in progress reported on

Reynolds Ave – grandson reported to be striking his grandmother with a stick – he was arrested and taken to juvenile diversion center in Dothan (9:48 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to Laundromat for smoke coming from a dryer (11:30 a.m.); Minor vehicle accident on Roosevelt Dr (2:17 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DEC. 30 – Verbal dispute reported at a residence on Hwy 84 – one individual arrested on warrants (3:27 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire on Williams Ave (10:28 a.m.); Possible squatters reported at a residence on Hwy 189 (3:32 p.m.).

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Obituaries

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DONALD WATERS FOLEY

Mr. Donald Waters Foley, age 81, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2018, at his home in the New Hope community of Coffee County, Ala., after an extended illness.



Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, at St. John Baptist Church in Jack, Ala., with Rev. John McCrummen and Rev. Mack King officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory directing.

Donald was born July 15, 1937. He was retired from the U.S. Armed Forces and retired from Civil Service (ALMD) at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Plez & Estelle Foley; a son, Byron J. Foley; sisters, Mary Foley Burke (Billy Ray) and Wayne Foley Flowers (Carroll).

Survivors include his wife: Lula Bess "Betty" Foley; one daughter: Donna Lynn Foley McCrummen (James); two sisters: Murlene Foley Manring (Bud), and Sarah Foley Gibbs (Billy); one sister-in-law: Merle Downing; three grandchildren: Aaron B. Cotter (Julie), Sloan N. McCrummen, and Travis J. McCrummen; two great-grandchildren: Lainey Bess Owsley and Caroline Cotter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

HILLARD WAYNE DREWERY

Mr. Hillard Wayne Drewery, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Dec. 24, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 2018 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Rev. Dwight Johnson officiating. Burial services with military honors followed in the Hillcrest Memorial

Garden cemetery.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Margarette Drewery, Elba; son: Mark (Brenda) Drewery, Crestview, Fla.; granddaughter: Tabatha Stricklin, Niceville, Fla.; great-grandson: Etan Stricklin, Puyallup, Wash.; great-granddaughter: Elissa Stricklin, Niceville; and sister: Margie Lou Harrison, New Brockton, Ala.

JOE FOLEY

Mr. Joe Foley, age 84, of the Curtis Community, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2018, at Enterprise Health and Rehabilitation, Enterprise, Ala.

A graveside service was held at Danley Cross Roads Cemetery under the direction of Wyatt Funeral Home of Opp, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Ander Foley and Jessie Mae Cauley Foley; brothers, Fred Foley and Robert Foley; sister, Esther Mae Mathis; and his twin brother, Jack Foley.

Survivors include his sons: Ricky Foley, Scott Foley and Chris Foley; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JUNIOR MCDONALD

Mr. Junior McDonald, age 83, of Harvest, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 2018 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Rev. Michael Woodham officiating. Burial services followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery.

Survivors include his daughter: Lori Lamp, Harvest; granddaughter: Breana (Michael) Fowler, Mobile, Ala.; grandsons: Christian Besselaar, Mobile, Alex Lamp and Aaron Lamp, both of Harvest; sister: Vencil Childs, Brundidge, Ala.

VIRGINIA NELL "KELLEY" WILLIAMS

Mrs. Virginia Nell "Kelley" Williams Allen, age 80, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018, at her home in Victoria, Ala., after an extended illness.

She was born on June 27, 1938 to the late George Finney Williams and Vestoria Kelley Williams.

Virginia lived in the Victoria Community all of her life. She attended the Victoria School during her early years and graduated from Elba High School. She was an active member of the Victoria Baptist Church where she sang in the church choir for many years, taught Sunday School, served as church clerk, and played the piano.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 28, 2018, at the Victoria Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Marler, Rev. Randy Hartley and Rev. Mack King officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. The family requested that donations be made to the Victoria Community Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, John David Allen, and their son, Johnny LaDon Allen; her oldest brother, Douglas Williams (Debbie), her stepmother, Daisy Irene Williams, and her grandparents, Mary Maggie Nora Kelley and Robert Kelley.

Survivors include her daughter: Charlotte Allen Smith (Joel); her grandsons: Clayton "Clay" Allen Eagerton (Rebekah), Jacob Tyler Smith (Morgan); great-granddaughter: Camilla Claire Smith; two sisters: Carolyn Williams Lott (H.L.), June Williams Smith (Courtney), three brothers: Fred Williams, Wyatt Williams (Sandy), and Wayne Williams (Lil); and many nieces and nephews.

SARAH ADKINS SEXTON GRAY

Mrs. Sarah Adkins Sexton Gray, born February 24, 1938, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, at age 80.

Born in Coffee County, she resided in Elba during her childhood and her adult years in the Victoria Community of Coffee County. Many of her golden years were spent happily living at Hartford

Retirement Village in Hartford, Ala., and then in Enterprise Health and Rehab.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, at 11 a.m., at Woodland Grove Baptist Church with Reverend Donnie Marler officiating. A visitation was held from 10 to 11 a.m., prior to the service. Flowers were accepted or donations may be made to Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund at PO Box 681, Elba, AL 36323. Survivors include a son: Thomas (Marilyn) Sexton, Columbia, Ala.; daughter: Nickie (Edward) Jinright, Woodland Grove Community of Coffee County, Ala.; grandchildren: Jerod (Courtney) Jinright, Woodland Grove Community, Jill (Landon) Free, Elba, Ala., Jessica Sexton, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, Norfolk, Va., and David (Tiffany) Sexton, Dothan, Ala.; great-grandchildren: Landra, Laikyn, and Avery Free, John and RaeAnn Jinright, and Everett Sexton; a sister: Laverla Kelley Pritchett, Americus, Ga., a sister-in-law: Dorothy Adkins, Enterprise, Ala.; and a brother-in-law: Don Davis, Columbus, Ga.

JAKAN RYLEE KYLE

Jakan RyLee Kyle, age 18, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Kinston, Ala.

Funeral services were held from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, beginning at 3 p.m., with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Jakan was preceded in death by his "Pawpaw" Clifford Farmer. Survivors include his father: Scotty Clifford Farmer, Elba; mother: Robin Kyle Gomillion, Elba; biological father: Timothy Joe Roubidoux, Elba; brothers: Ashton Kyle Davis, Mason Bryant Davis, and Logan Ray Davis, all of Elba; sister: Tesla Roubidoux, Elba; maternal grandfather: Ray Kyle, Elba; maternal grandmother: Faye Kyle, Elba; nephews: Lawson Bryant Davis and Jaden Ray Davis, both of Elba; and niece: Eva Davis, Elba.

BRANDEN LEE NELSON

Branden Lee Nelson, age 17, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Kinston, Ala.

Memorial services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home in Elba on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, beginning at 2 p.m. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Saturday, Jan. 5th, from 1 to 2 p.m. The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Elba High School football team in his honor.

Branden was preceded in death by his father, Ben J. Nelson.

Survivors include his mother: Melinda Nelson, Samson, Ala.; aunts: Taleah Ziglar, Elba, Brandi Yates, Crestview, Fla.; paternal grandmother: Debbie Nelson, Elba; paternal grandfather: Benny Edward Nelson, Kinston; maternal grandmother: Jimmy Heath, Coffee Springs, Ala.; maternal grandmother: Mavis Heath, Coffee Springs; brothers: Stacey Nelson, Samson, Tyler Hughes, Troy, Ala., Zachary Magwood, Austin Magwood, Aaron Sewell, all of Elba; and sisters: Aleigha Nelson and Zaida Williams, both of Elba.

QUENTIN BUD BRYAN

Quentin Bud Bryan, age 19, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Kinston, Ala.

Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 4, 2019 from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home in Elba. The complete obituary will be announced later by Coleman Funeral Home.



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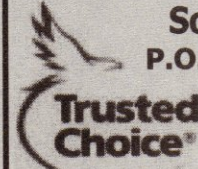
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Coffee County's 2019 Holiday Schedule

- New Year's Day TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019
- Martin L. King's/Robert E. Lee's Birthday MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019
- President's Day MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019
- Memorial Day MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019
- Independence Day THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019
- Labor Day MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019
- Veteran's Day MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019
- Day Following Thanksgiving Day FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019
- Christmas Eve TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019
- Christmas Day WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

REPORT

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performing ones.

"We have high-flying students who graduate from struggling schools every year," Mackey said. "Again, the school grades tell us something – but certainly not everything – about a school. We appreciate our teachers, school leaders, and parents who work with our students to

ensure their success and academic growth."

As for the Elba School System, superintendent Chris Moseley said these just released numbers/grades only support what he expected – good things are transpiring at Elba City Schools and the teachers and students are responding to it.

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February 1, 2019

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For further information or to purchase a license, please contact
Amy L. Giles at (334) 897-2333.

City of Elba, AL
Sally Bane, City Clerk

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe set to meet January 6th

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Community Service Block grants, grants applying for Economic Development and Language

Census 2020, Pow Wow and opening the Tribal Rolls plus Indian Education for the local school system.

Call Chief James Wright at 334 897-3207 with any questions.

DAV Chapter 99 meeting set for Jan. 24

The January 2019 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

Upcoming events at Landmark Park

JANUARY 5; FEBRUARY 2 • WIREGRASS WOODTURNER MEETING 9:30 a.m. Open to the public, free with paid gate admission and free for Wiregrass Woodturner members. Woodturning demonstrations will take place. Ag Building

ING 4 p.m. Meet our snakes and turtles and learn why these animals are so important to the environment. Free with paid gate admission. Interpretive Center Classroom.

JANUARY 12 • BLUEBIRD WORKSHOP 10 a.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Learn about bluebird population and diverse environmental habitats. Registration required. Register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

JANUARY 5; FEBRUARY 2 • LANDMARK DULCIMER CLUB 1 p.m. Jam session and lesson. No experience or music reading ability necessary. Must have a mountain dulcimer. Free with paid gate admission.

JANUARY 6; FEBRUARY 3 • REPTILE FEED-

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claimed the life of Dillon Alexander Roberts, age 26, of Elba, Ala.

• A shooting Tuesday afternoon, April 17, during the 2 o'clock hour, resulted in one person being airlifted from Elba for emergency medical treatment after being shot in the back. The events reportedly started in Mulberry Heights some time before 2 p.m. Tuesday and had moved to the Family Dollar parking lot on Claxton Avenue by the time law enforcement and rescue personnel arrived in the area.

• Though bad weather impeded the location for the ceremony [it was moved to the Elba United Methodist Church], the festivities continued Sunday afternoon, April 22, as the Coffee County Habitat for Humanity held a groundbreaking ceremony for its next home to be built in Elba. The recipient of the home is Benita Kay Smith, and it is to be constructed at 703 County Road 401, Elba.

Top Stories from May 2018

• A head-on collision Monday morning, April 30, on Alabama Highway 125, just outside of Elba, sent three people to hospitals. The accident was reported at 8:25 a.m. and was said to be near 2858 Hwy. 125. The accident involved a 2005 Nissan Frontier, driven by Cynthia Bradshaw of Jack, Ala., and a 2013 Chevrolet 2500 truck, driven by Jamie Hataway of Samson, Ala.

• Elba Police made an arrest Saturday, May 5, in the ongoing investigation of the April 17th shooting incident that ended in the Family Dollar Store parking lot in Elba. On Saturday, May 5, Elba Police located and arrested Anthony Dewayne Stoudemire, age 37, of Elba in regards to this incident. Stoudemire was not believed to be the one who actually shot the victim; however, he was charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle during that April 17th incident.

• The Coffee County Board of Education met Friday, May 4, at noon, and during this meeting the finalists to be interviewed

for the superintendent position were named by the board's attorney. The five finalists were: Kelly Cobb, Vohn Enloe, Kevin Killingsworth, Randy Thomley, and David West.

• Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey is winding up some 40 years of service with the Elba Police Department at the end of June when his retirement becomes official. Hanchey's signed resignation letter officially was presented to the Elba City Council during its meeting Monday night, May 14, of this week.

- Law enforcement from around Coffee County gathered outside the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba last Friday, May 18, at noon to honor those lost in the line of duty during the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service.

• Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley garners a big smile when discussing the academic achievements for the just graduated Class of 2018. Over \$700,000 in scholarship monies helps that smile tremendously, especially when one is talking about a class of just 51 graduates.

Top Stories from June 2018

• The 2018 Primary Elections for Republicans and Democrats came and went Tuesday, June 5, with several local races being contested. The Coffee County Sheriff race found multi-term sheriff Dave Sutton seeking re-election by winning the Republican Primary, and he did that Tuesday. The same can be said for multi-term Coffee County Coroner Robert Preachers. The Circuit Clerk of Coffee County race pitted two newcomers against each other in the Republican Primary. Amy Reeves defeated DeAnn Cronk in this Primary Election.

• The Coffee County Board of Education solidified the contract for new superintendent Kevin Killingsworth during the June regular meeting held Thursday night, June 7th. Board member Mike Bailey made a motion to approve the contract of employment for Killingsworth and to

authorize the board president [chairman] to execute it on behalf of the board

• Several weeks ago, Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock confirmed an investigation underway regarding the Elba Police Department, and the effects of that investigation hit last Friday, June 8, when the certifications of three officers were immediately suspended. The Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (APOST or Commission) ordered, on Friday, June 8, the immediate suspension of certification for three Elba Police Officers for the alleged forgery and submission of required annual firearms qualification reports. The officers involved included Elba Police Chief Freddy L. Hanchey, Lieutenant Robert W. LaVoie, and Investigator Carl Andrew Gunter.

Elba's newest recreational attraction opened last Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m. The much-anticipated opening of the new Splash Pad water attraction received lots of positive feedback as youngsters were ready - rain or shine - last Friday morning to give it a go. The Splash Pad is located at Elba's Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba.

• Amy Reeves officially accepted the oath of office becoming Coffee County's Circuit Clerk last Thursday, June 14, during a ceremony held in Enterprise. Reeves won the Republican Primary election for Coffee County Circuit Clerk on June 5th of this month, and she was later appointed to fill the current unexpired term of former circuit clerk Mickey Counts. Counts retired from the position at the end of May.

• Coffee County District Judge Christopher Kaminski recently filed an order granting a bond reduction for defendant Danae Ann Ware, age 33, of Elba. Ware is charged with March 27th murder of Tiera Burks in Elba. Ware's bond originally was set at \$75,000 for the murder charge she faces. In an order filed by Judge Kaminski on June 14th, he noted probable cause was found to exist, and the case was forwarded to the action of the Grand Jury. Also, Judge Kaminski said he considered arguments pre-

sented, and over the objection of the state, he granted the defendant's oral motion to reduce bond. He said the defendant may be released on bond upon posting a \$50,000 standard secured bond.

**Top Stories from
July 2018**

• The Elba City Council met Monday evening, July 2, and made a decision on appointing the City's next chief of police. Mayor Mickey Murdock recommended 35-year law enforcement veteran Leslie Hussey to take the helm as Elba's police chief. A motion to affirm was made, and approved.

• **Making Alabama.** A *Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit* presented by Alabama Humanities Foundation made its long-awaited debut for Coffee County earlier this week at the National Security Conference Center in Elba. The exhibit displays 200 years of Alabama history and beyond.

• The Coffee County All-Stars team – the Ponytails Traditional – is headed to the Dixie Softball World Series in Alexandria, Louisiana to represent the State of Alabama at that tournament. Play begins Friday, July 27, and continues until Aug. 1st. This Coffee County team is made up of 11-12-year-old girls from Elba and New Brockton.

• The Opp Police Department on Friday night, July 13, found the body of Louis Swinger, a man missing from Elba since last Saturday [July 7th], and four individuals have been The four individuals arrested in this murder were: Romaro V. Head, age 20, charged with murder and held on a \$500,000 bond; Dayshawn D. Siler, age 19, charged with murder and held on a \$500,000 bond; Kali Jamar Siler, age 22, charged with murder and held on a \$500,000 bond; and Kenyatta Carstarphen, age 18, charged with murder and held on a \$500,000 bond.

• The Coffee County Sheriff's Department made an arrest Wednesday, July 11, for seven church burglaries in Coffee County and the burglary of one residence. It was also deter-

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dwight Johnson

LEAD PASTOR

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

This being the first week of the new year, one would think that this edition of The Pastor's Corner would speak of a "new chance", "new hope", or something else "new". That may come next week. Today, another subject should be discussed.

As I write this on Monday morning, many in our area have awakened to the news of a horrible accident that has claimed young lives. While I am trying to sort it out myself, here are my thoughts; thoughts that might help you in your time of trouble.

1. We don't have to understand everything. In fact, we can't. Regardless of how learned or wise we are, many things will be beyond our understanding. Sometimes it's best to rest with that knowledge, instead of struggle with the riddles that can't be deciphered.

2. God DOES understand everything, and He doesn't always explain. When my children were little, I would try to explain things to them, only for them to still look at me with faces of confusion. I know that we aren't children; we're adults. But, there are still things that we are just not wired to understand. In those times, we should simply trust the One who does.

3. God loves you and wants to be with you in the storm. Sometimes, He says "Peace, be still", and the storm calms. Other times, He walks with you through the storm, as He did with Peter. Either way, He is there, and His love is there.

When I was in college, we had a guest one day in chapel. After being introduced, he began playing the piano and singing the "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand". Although I hadn't recognized his name, he was Ira Stanphill, the composer. After singing, Mr. Stanphill told the student body of the horrible and tragic events that gave birth to the song; things that no one would want to experience. This reinforced to us all the truth of it's words.

It's still true that there are many things that we can't understand. But, if we really know that the One who holds tomorrow is the One who holds our hand, we can walk with him through the storm, to clearer skies and brighter days.

"Old Christmas" set for Jan. 6th at Clay Hill Church in Pike County, AL

'Old Christmas', bringing the Christmas season to a quiet and meaningful close will be celebrated at historic Clay Hill Church on January 6, 2019 at 6 p.m.

This is a service of scriptures and song celebrating the arrival of the Wise Men to worship the Christ Child.

The church is located in Pike County on Highway 93 at Pronto, AL, between Brundidge and Banks. The event is sponsored by the Brundidge United Methodist Church.

Attend the Church of Your Choice This and Every Sunday

Church News is due by 5 p.m. each Monday!



BASIN BAPTIST YOUTH ATTEND CONFERENCE...The youth of Basin Baptist Church attended the Xtreme Winter conference Dec. 27th-29th in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. While at this youth conference, the group attended concerts from Christian artists/groups including Jordan Feliz, Casting Crowns, Newsong, Ledger, TobyMac, and more. They also heard from Christian speakers including Tom Richter, Zane Black, Brock Gill and Johnny Hunt. The youth are pictured about in front of the conference center where the event was held. They include (from left): Drake Stanley, Drew Connor, Trae Hilburn, Kiera Ludlum, Blair Wyrosdick, Aubrey Chandler, Liza Rodriguez, Preston Farris, Tyler Henderson, Drew Mack, Justin Ludlum, Keaton Poole, and Ayden Wallace.

Share Your Church News with Us!!

Email editor Linda Hodge at

clipperace@troycable.net

Harris Temple COGIC announces upcoming happenings including 'Sunday Night Alive'

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will be sponsoring 'Sunday Night Alive' on Sunday, January 6, beginning at 4 p.m.

Senior Pastor Superintendent W. K. Ellison will be joined in conducting the services by Elder Johnathan Lockett, Sunday Night Alive Coordinator and Keynote Preacher, Pastor A. R. Williams.

Later in the month, Harris Temple will be sponsoring A. C. T. S. 2019 Youth conference from January 24th through the 26th.

The theme of this event is 'Young, Anointed and Focused'.

Speakers include: Elder Sheree Hardrick on Thursday night at 7 p.m.; Pastor Charlie Smith Jr. will be the speaker on

Friday night also at 7 p.m.; Saturday night at 6 p.m. will be Elder Rodrick Caldwell Appreciation Service. Senior Pastor Superintendent W. K. Ellison is the host pastor.

The church is located at 747 Adams Ave, Elba

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Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Lord a fortress in adversity [Psalm 31: 1-24]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mary Janelle Kelley, Single Parents, Jayla Cole, Min. Robert Edwards, Mamie Belcher, New Life Community Church, Alice Musgrove, Olene Barry, Larry (Popcorn) Gilbert

December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Karme Edwards 12/23
Mary Agnes Dixon 12/23
Quran Lamortis Warren 12/24

Shane Warren 12/24
Sean Warren 12/24
Tamariah Samuel 12/24

Shaeunna Hammonds 12/24
E.J. Yelverton 12/25 (in memory)

Arianna E. Kelley 12/25
Shane Williams 12/25
Kenneth Daniels 12/25 (in memory)

Ed Hooks 12/25

Karizmah Yelverton
Magwood 12/27
Jerry and Dianne Culver 12/27 (W.A.)

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 1/3/19

Q: List the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23

A: The KJV lists them: Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance; The NIV lists them: Love, Joy, Peace, Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control

Question for the Week of 1/10/19

Q: In the book of Romans, 12th Chapter...What do verses 17, 19 and 21 teach us about getting back at people who do us wrong?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND THE
LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 10:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) ... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 10:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Michael Woodham, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST- ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor.
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Elder James Starks Jr - Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Shane Thompson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH
Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor - Lee Jones
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 a.m.

PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Rev. Roy L. Turner, pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE A.M.E.
Rev. James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Pastor Donald Mills
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Rev. Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ronnie Stuckey, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley - Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...

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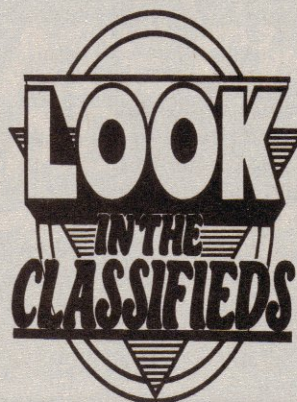
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ESTATE OF JAMES CLANTON FARRIS DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PC 2018-078

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 13th day of December, 2018, by the Hon. Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Mathalyn J. Farris, Personal Representative 12/20,27 & 1/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION RE: In the matter of: THELMA ACREE, Alleged to be incapacitated person

CASE NO. PC 2018-083

NOTICE OF HEARING

On the Petition for Guardianship of THELMA ACREE, an alleged incapacitated person, filed by Coffee County Department of Human Resources, TAKE NOTICE that a hearing has been set for the 17th day of January, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama. Done this the 17th day of December, 2018 /s/ Steven E. Blair Probate Judge 12-20,27,1-3 -chg

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

C.A. NO.: 2018-DR-18-1342

SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) COUNTY OF DORCHESTER) Mark Weaver and Kayci Weaver)

Plaintiffs, v. Gracie Woodward, David Wallace, and John Doe,

Defendants.

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Kaylee Wallace (DOB 06/07/2013)

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you (and which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court) and to serve a copy of your

answer upon the subscriber, at his office located at 925-D Wappoo Road, Charleston, South Carolina 29407, within thirty (30) days after the date of such service, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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, 2018 Charleston, South Carolina 12/27-1/3 & 10-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LOUIE H. RACHEL, Deceased

CASE NO: PC 2018-086

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Howard Brent Rachel, as Executor of the Estate of Louie H. Rachel, Deceased on the 20th day of October 2018, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Howard Brent Rachel Howard Brent Rachel, Executor of the Estate of Louie H. Rachel Deceased 12/27,1-3,10-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JEAN D. MOORE, Deceased

CASE NO: PC 2018-085

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR OR EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of December 2018, by the Hon. Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama notice is hereby given that that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Fred W. Moore, Executor 12/27,1-3,10-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA NOTICE TO CREDITORS/NOTICE TO PUBLISHER

IN RE: The Estate of Mozelle Prescott Deceased

Case No: PC 2018-088

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Robert D. Johnson as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mozelle Prescott, deceased on the 1st day of November, 2018, by the Hon. Steve Blair, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Robert D. Johnson Robert D. Johnson, Personal Representative for the Estate of Mozelle Prescott, deceased 1/3-10-17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, ELBA DIVISION RE: In the matter of:

ROY DALE BRADBERRY, Alleged to be incapacitated person

CASE NO PC 2018-090

NOTICE OF HEARING On the petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship of ROY DALE BRADBERRY an alleged incapacitated person, filed by Shirl Spinks, TAKE NOTICE that a hearing has been set for the 29th day of January, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama. Done this the 18th day of December, 2018.

/s/Steven E. Blair Steven E. Blair Probate Judge 1-3,10,17-pd

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

In accordance with the provisions of Section 10A-1-9.22 of the ALABAMA BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT ENTITY CODE, notice is hereby given that Articles of Dissolution were filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama on behalf of Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc. (the "Company") on October 16, 2018 (the "Dissolution"), and that the Dissolution became effective as of December 31, 2018. Any persons with claims against the Company should send written notice to the Company, Attention: Edwin B. Kelley, P.O. Box 708, Elba, Alabama 36323. Such claim should set forth the name, address and telephone number of the claimant and the nature of the claim, including, but not limited to, all facts supporting the claim and the date such claim arose. Any claim against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the publication of this Notice. 1/3/1tc

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LOOK BACK AT 2018

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mined that the suspect was responsible for additional church burglaries in two other connecting counties — one in Crenshaw County and one in Dale County. John Coleman Davis III, age 35, of 324 County Road 349, Elba, Ala., was arrested and transported to the Coffee County Jail. His charges from Coffee County include: seven counts of burglary — third degree, possession of a controlled substance, and criminal mischief — second degree.

• Three Elba Police officers learned their fate as officers last Thursday, July 19, following a nearly 4-hour hearing in Montgomery, Alabama at the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (APOST or Commission) headquarters. The certifications of former Elba Police Chief Freddy L. Hanchey, Lieutenant Robert W. LaVoie, and Investigator Carl Andrew Gunter were suspended by APOST on June 8, 2018 as the result of an ongoing investigation for alleged forgery and submission of required annual firearms qualification reports to APOST. Following the nearly 4-hour hearing, the Commission voted to revoke all three certifications, and these three men would no longer be law enforcement officers in the State of Alabama.

• A shooting Monday afternoon, July 23, in Enterprise, Alabama claimed the life of an Elba man, according to authorities. Birricus Malando Hill, age 21, of Elba, was shot in the chest and he later died at a local hospital.

Top Stories from August 2018

• The quiet Coffee County Road 415 in the Basin Community of Coffee County became the scene of a fatal car accident early Sunday morning, July 29th. The wreck occurred at approximately 8:20 a.m. when a small SUV, driven by Teresa "Terry" Spann, age 59, of Chesapeake, Va., left the road and struck a tree. She was pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner Robert Preachers.

• Elba City Schools celebrated being named an official Bicentennial School for both the elementary and high schools Friday, Aug. 3, as Governor Kay Ivey introduced the 200 schools in Alabama chosen for this special designation. Governor Ivey launched the Alabama Bicentennial Schools Initiative in December 2017 encouraging all public, private, and homeschool students and teachers to participate in the celebration of Alabama's 200th anniversary of statehood in 2019.

• The Elba City Council spent a considerable amount of time listening to an update on the huge proposed upgrade of the Elba sewer system. Mayor Mickey Murdock explained the 12 segments of the multi million-dollar project, still in the planning stages, but already approved by USDA for funding. Of course, the downtown area will be a major part of the project but others highlighted by Murdock included Mulberry Heights area, Airport Road, and 203 Bypass from the shopping center East to Taylor Mill Road.

• The Coffee County Board of Education met Monday, Aug. 20, in a special session, and superintendent Kevin Killingworth provided board members with an update on enrollment for the new school year [first

week] in comparison to the first week of school for last year. On the 6th day of school in 2017, the superintendent said Coffee County Schools had a total of 2,061 students system-wide. On the fifth day of school this year, he said that number increased by 237 students to 2,298. The majority of that came from New Brockton, which was expected.

• The Elba City School Board received an attendance update Tuesday, Aug. 21, at its monthly meeting, and the news was positive. According to Superintendent Chris Moseley, total enrollment is up 45 from the same period last year. The increase is evident in both the elementary and the high school numbers. The elementary school has an enrollment of 313, compared to 285 last year while the high school enrollment is up to 298 from 281 last year.

Top Stories from September 2018

• Two officers with the Elba Police Department officially received their promotions Friday morning, Sept. 7, during a pinning ceremony held at Elba City Hall. Police Chief Leslie Hussey announced the promotion of officers Wesley Hazel and Chase Rogers to the rank of Sergeant for the department.

• A head-on collision of two vehicles Saturday morning, Sept. 8, on Claxton Avenue (Hwy 189 N) at the intersection of Johnson Street by the Evergreen Cemetery resulted in one person being taken to the hospital for minor injuries. The accident occurred at approximately 7:40 a.m. A 2012 Chevrolet Sonic, driven by Zoey Moore of Elba, collided with a 2007 Mercedes SKL280, driven by Kim Marjorie of Dozier, Ala.

• The Zion Chapel [Jack] community lost a pillar of its community in a tragic accident Friday night, Sept. 14th. Pamela Jan Clements, age 60, died as a result of injuries she sustained after being struck by a vehicle around 8:15 p.m. last Friday night. According to Alabama State Troopers, Clements was crossing the road going back to her vehicle from the football game at Zion Chapel High School when she was struck by a 2011 Chevrolet pick-up, driven by Robert Lydell Smith, age 56, of Brundidge.

• Terrell Roberson, a resident of Elba, found himself in a battle for his life, literally, last year after being diagnosed with Stage 4 tongue cancer, but today his doctors refer to him as a walking miracle. Roberson was diagnosed with the cancer on July 17, 2017. On Aug. 11, 2018, he celebrated his one-year anniversary of being cancer free.

• The Elba City Council gave final approval Monday, Sept. 24, to refinancing a USDA sewer bond issue. The action will not extend the length of the bond repayment, but will lower the total interest rate. Bond attorneys said Monday evening that the refinancing would save Elba taxpayers about \$116,000. The council also approved the much-discussed one time bonus to city retirees. Mayor Mickey Murdock said this would cost the city \$9,752.

• On Friday morning, Sept. 21, Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes crowned senior Sandra Lindsey as the 2018 Elba Homecoming Queen.

Top Stories from October 2018

• The Elba Chamber of



The opening of the Elba Splash Pad in downtown Elba was a major highlight for the city in 2018. This new recreational aquatic pad not only served the local community but also brought many visitors to Elba throughout the summer. It helped make Elba a summer fun destination!

Commerce held its annual membership banquet last Thursday evening, Sept. 27, and welcomed Alabama Governor Kay Ivey as the keynote speaker. Approximately 200 citizens were in attendance for the banquet.

• The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Oct. 4, and heard from a parent seeking clarification of the system's cell phone policy following incidents involving his son. Jack Royce said he was seeking clarification of the cell phone policy in regards to when a student is able to take his/her cell phone out of a locker.

• On Friday, Oct. 12, officers with the Elba Police Department, along with officers from the Opp Police Department, executed a search warrant at 221 Fox Street in Elba.

According to officials, a number of stolen items were recovered during the search of this residence. Also, illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia were seized.

Elba Police said arrests were still pending as of press time this week as the investigation continued.

• On Sunday, Oct. 14, an Elba Police officer made a routine traffic stop on Plant Avenue in Elba. The traffic stop was for no tag displayed on the vehicle. Elba's K-9 [Tess] reportedly alerted on the driver's side door of this vehicle, and a search of the vehicle resulted in officers seizing a bag of marijuana. Officers arrested John Mason Richardson for possession of marijuana.

• A group from The Ranch House of Elba drove to Graceville, FL Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14, and fed several hundred Hurricane Michael storm victims. The volunteers fed donated Ranch House BBQ pork and chicken, green beans, rice and hotdogs.

• The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 23, for the new Specialty Care Suites of Elba, a part of the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. This unit will offer care for those patients facing life limiting or threatening illnesses. The care will specialize in pain management and symptom control for hospice patients and those patients requiring tracheostomy or other complex care.

Top Stories from November 2018

• Governor Kay Ivey on Friday, Oct. 26, awarded almost \$17.8 million in Community Development Block Grants to improve 54 Alabama towns, cities

and counties. The City of Elba was among those receiving a grant from the Large City Fund [municipalities with populations of 3,001 or more]. Elba received a \$450,000 grant for downtown revitalization.

• Upon arriving at church last Wednesday evening, Oct. 24, church members at Newbia Baptist Church found their church building had become victim to a burglary for a second time this year. The church is located on Coffee County Road 330 in the northwest part of Coffee County.

• The Coffee County Board of Education honored retiring board member Rubin McKinnon during the monthly board meeting held Thursday evening, Nov. 1, at the board office in Elba. McKinnon has served as a member of the Coffee County Board of Education, representing District 5, for 30 years.

• Elba High School senior Richmon Singletary made headlines this week after the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) recognized him for setting a new state record.

Singletary returned two kickoffs - 81 yards and 72 yards - for touchdowns last Friday night, Nov. 9, in the first round of the high school playoffs. That gave him four kickoff returns for a touchdown in the last two games and six for the season. During last Friday's win for Elba, Singletary also rushed for 173 yards on 15 carries to go over 2,000 rushing yards on the season.

• Atlanta's Fox Theater has announced nonprofit grants totaling \$479,000 to help 13 historic theaters, including the Elba Theatre in Elba, Alabama. The \$479,465 in awards are being distributed in three categories, and include FTI Urgent/Emergency Grant Recipient Elba Theatre that will receive \$25,000 toward the cost of roof repair. The Elba Theatre is the first out-of-state entity to receive grant funding from the Fox Theatre Institute.

• In this week of Thanksgiving, superintendent Chris Moseley notes his thankfulness for the hard work being demonstrated by teachers and students together at Elba City Schools. The ACT is the main test that colleges look at when considering admittance of prospective students. In the report received by Moseley for this year's senior class at Elba, which took the ACT as juniors the numbers only went up. The superintendent said this clearly shows

of service to the City of Elba.

• Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed a proclamation Tuesday, Nov. 27, declaring the month of November as National Adoption Month for the state. One local family was in attendance for this special moment. Larry and Jennifer Grant, along with their adopted daughter, Riley, witnessed the signing of the proclamation by Governor Ivey.

• The Elba City council voted unanimously Monday night, Dec. 10, to hire Sally Bane, of Elba, as the City Clerk, replacing James Kelley, who has resigned and will be leaving once a person is available to replace him. Bane presently works with a contractor at Ft. Rucker and will be assuming her duties at city hall on Dec. 19th. She previously worked at the Elba Nursing Home.

• On Tuesday, Dec. 4, the Elba Police Department received a complaint of a City of Elba prisoner walking away from his work detail shortly after 1 p.m. that afternoon. Thomas Dalton Hughes, age 28, was working off fines on non-violent offenses, according to a press release from the Elba Police Department, when he escaped custody. The following day, Wednesday, Dec. 5, he was captured without incident and returned to jail.

• Jennifer Farris Amlong began work mid-November as the new library director for the Elba Public Library, and the community officially welcomed her last Thursday, Dec. 20, during a "Meet and Greet" event held at the library. A 1985 graduate of Elba High School, she said she is a "hometown girl coming back!"

• The Elba Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Christmas Party earlier this month, and several awards and recognitions were made during the event. A special award presented each year is the "Firefighter of the Year" Award. This year's recipient was Caleb Walden.

• The Elba School Board made some personnel decisions at its regular December meeting held Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th. Superintendent Chris Moseley recommended the hiring of two instructional aides at the elementary school. Linda Tillis has been working as a substitute teacher in the school and was approved for a full time position. Darlene Burrow has moved to the area from Texas and has teaching experience as the pre-school level. She will also be working as an instructional aide. Also Vivian Willis was hired as a Special Ed teacher.

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Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson finally got his new basketball goal up last week and it is about time for his 'ole granddaddy to drop by and help my little man learn how to play the game and to enjoy being outside. The fresh air will do us both good, and I hope he will find a sport he really likes.

For what it is worth....

*** The high school basketball season will swing into area play next week and that means the intensity level will pick up for the players, coaches and fans. Elba is in the area with Kinston, Florala and Brantley this season in its initial season in 1A, and all three teams are more than capable of knocking off the Tigers unless Elba plays its best for all four quarters. The Lady Tigers will also face a rugged area slate, since Florala and Brantley are both ranked in the 'Top 10' in the state rankings, and Kinston uses a hard-nosed style of play and can be hard to beat at home. Elba found out in football that 1A can be just as tough as 2A, and the same is true on the basketball court. Get ready, we've got some really good games coming up!

*** The other teams in the area are also getting primed for area play, with the Brantley Lady Bulldogs being perhaps the top team. The Lady Bulldogs will enter the new year with a 14-2 record and a lofty state ranking, and have to be the team to beat in their area. The Brantley Bulldogs are competitive and can win on any given night, but haven't quite settled in yet and has to hope their best ball is still to come. Looking at the other teams, New Brockton has struggled in both boys and girls play and appears to not be a factor in the area race, while Zion Chapel is better, but not better enough to be a serious contender, and Kinston has gritty teams in both boys and girls play and could be a surprise team before is all over.

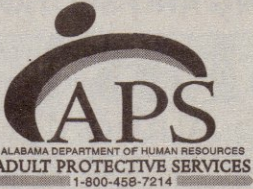
*** I have paid a little more attention to the college bowl season than I had planned, but am still convinced there are way too many bowls and that many teams would rather take time off after a long season. A few items of note.... * Alabama almost pulled the foot off the pedal a little too soon in its wild win over Oklahoma and hopefully learned a lesson that will be remembered next week in the title game. * Notre Dame is good at what it does and against the teams on its schedule, but is not a national power. * Auburn coach Gus Malzahn calmed most of the Tiger fans with its lopsided win over Purdue, but may have given the same fans unrealistic expectations for next season. * Troy put on quite a show in the second half of its win over Buffalo, but I still wonder why Coach Neil Brown hasn't moved on to bigger pastures. * Montgomery's Camellia Bowl was once again a very exciting game and may be one of the better small bowls in the nation. * UAB was excited to go bowling and it showed in the Blazers easy 37-13 win over Northern Illinois. * Army proved it was more than just a 'feel good' story with its 70-14 win over Houston. *Georgia Tech showed just why it was time for a new head coach in the Jackets 34-10 loss to Minnesota. * Wisconsin showed it too was proud to be in a bowl with its 35-3 romp over has-been Miami. * South Carolina got embarrassed by Virginia 28-0 and is still just an SEC also-ran.

*** In closing... I cannot believe that Elba Tiger football standout Richmon Singletary is still unsigned and wasn't a finalist for 'Back of the Year' honors in Class 1A. I guess a good nickname for the Tiger star would have been 'The Invisible Man.'

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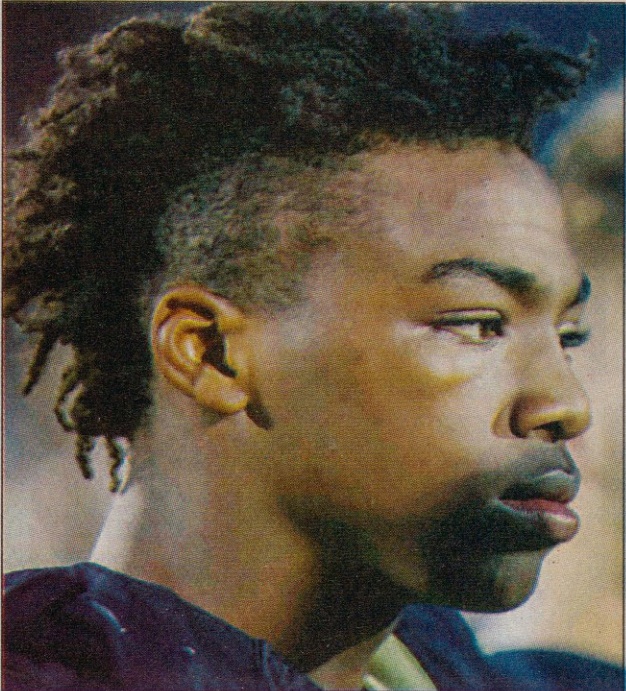
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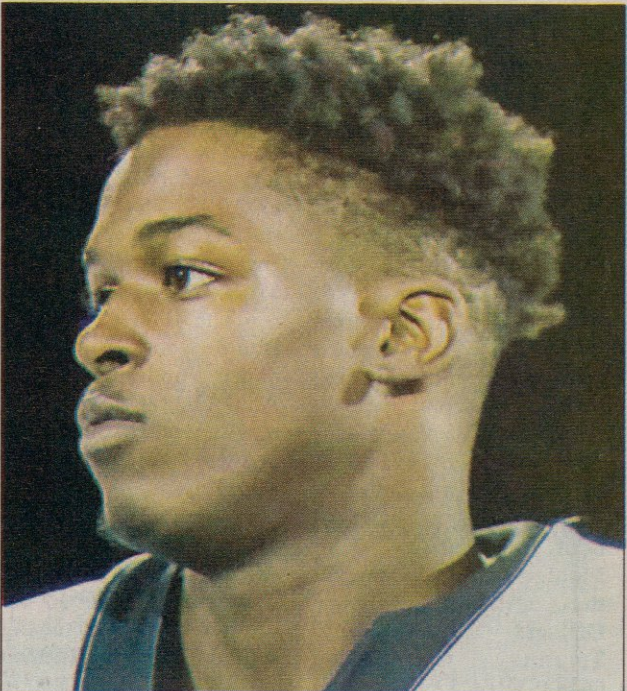
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Four Tigers named 'All-State'

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its 2018 'All-State' high school football selections recently and included on the honored list of the state's top players were four members of the Elba Tigers.

Senior running back Richmon Singletary, junior linebacker Dezmon Roberson and sophomore offensive lineman Bradley Adkins were all first team selections on the Class 1A list, while senior defensive end Alex Wright was a second team selection.

Singletary, the Dothan Eagle 'Player of the Year,' was the leading rusher in the 1A ranks with 2,083 yards. He rolled up an incredible 3,107 total yards on offense and scored 32 touchdowns, including 25 rushing. His touchdown total was highlighted by a state record 6 kickoff returns for scores, and he also returned one punt for a touchdown.

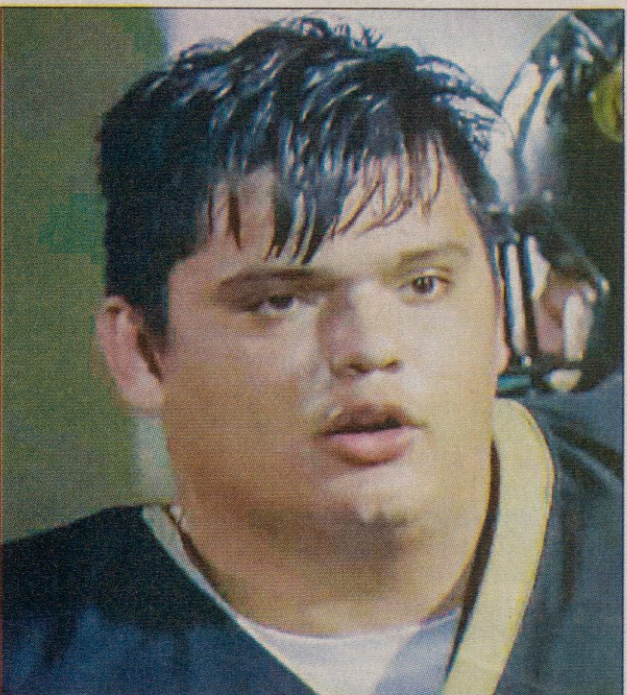
Roberson was in on a total of 148 tackles and averaged 13.5 stops per game. He had 22 tackles for losses and 4 quarterback sacks.

Adkins was the Tigers top offensive lineman and graded out at 76 percent with a total of 38 pancake blocks to anchor the young Elba line.

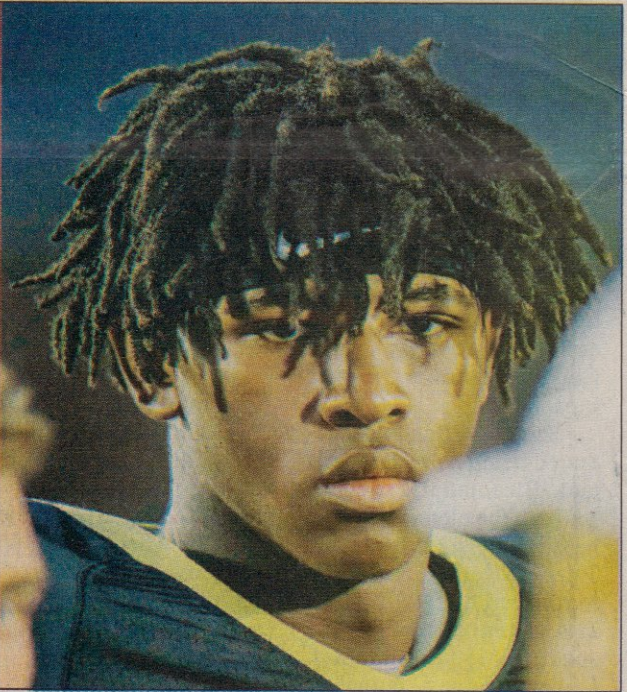
Wright, a UAB signee, made 63 tackles from his rush-end position, an average of 5.7 stops per game, had 17 tackles for losses and 6 quarterback sacks.

Other area players named to the 'All-State' list included (Class 7A) OL - Fernando Diaz, Enterprise; ATH - Joshua McCray, Enterprise; (Class 6A) OL - Cade Gothard, Eufaula; OL - Quintodd West, Dothan; (Class 5A) DB - Tori Mulkey, Carroll; OL - Trey Ware, Carroll; RB - Jonathan Fells, Carroll; LB - Grant Peacock, Rehobeth; (Class 4A) K'Shun Stokes, Headland; OL - Seth Faison, Headland; OL - Andrew Holmes, Andalusia; (Class 3A) RB - Wise Gordon, Providence Christian; OL - Hayden Parker, Providence Christian; LB - Hernando Wheeler, Pike County; DB - David Warren, Providence Christian; OL - Brayden Banner, Providence Christian; PK - Henry Beckett, Houston Academy; DB - Gabino Morin, Slocomb; DB - Rayshawn Reynolds, Pike County; DB - Spencer Smith, Providence Christian; (Class 2A) WR - Jaquon Kinsey, Abbeville; OL - Jackson Miller, Luverne; RB - K.J. Hall, Highland Home; OL - Matthews Spencer, Arton; LB - Arian Gregory, Luverne; DB - John Tyler, Highland Home; P - Jordan Coachman, Cottonwood; ATH - Bryson Peavey, Arton; QB - Daquon Kinsey, Abbeville; OL - Austin Hebert, Highland Home; OL - Zayne Peterman, Abbeville; DL - Keven Mills, Abbeville; DB - Elian Harris, Luverne; P - Russell Weeks, New Brockton; (Class 1A) OL - Kendall Long, Georgiana; DB - Tyler Booker, Brantley; P - Parker Driggers, Brantley; and, ATH - Chris Mixon, Georgiana.

Area players that received 'Honorable Mention' included (7A) P - Grant Thornton; (4A) DB - Jesse Kinsey, Headland; (3A) WR - Jace Stewart, Slocomb; DL - Bendarius Myhand, Pike County; (2A) QB - Daniel Phillips, Highland Home; RB - Saylor Wilson, Luverne; WR - Edward Thomas, Luverne; PK - Aubrey Reeves, Highland Home; P - Krishawn Hamilton, Luverne; (1A) OL - Carson Jones, Brantley; DL - Jalen Nettles, Georgiana; and, DL - Nealand Stone, Florala.



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Thursday, Jan. 3

Ariton at Goshen
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Monday, Jan. 7

Long at New
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Friday, Jan. 4

Luverne at Elba
Florala at Kinston
Enterprise at Prattville
Georgiana at Red
Level
Geneva at Samson
Abbeville at Barbour
County
Slocomb at Opp

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Elba at Kinston
Brantley at Florala
Jeff Davis at
Enterprise
Zion Chapel at
Samson
McKenzie at
Georgiana
Red Level at Pleasant
Home
Opp at Straughn
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Central at Luverne
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Brantley Lady Bulldogs grab two wins at Montgomery tournament

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs competed at the 'Capital City Classic' basketball tournament last week in Montgomery and posted two wins and one loss to push their record to 14-2.

The Lady Bulldogs tipped off the tournament with a 63-40 loss to Montgomery Academy. Gabby Perkins scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Olivia Jones added 9 points.

The Lady Bulldogs battled Stanhope Elmore in the second round and rolled to a 48-29 win. Olivia Jones scored 15 points and Gabby Perkins added 11 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Brantley.

The Lady Bulldogs closed the tournament with a low-scoring 36-17 win over Keith. Gabby Perkins scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Kassidy Wilcox added 9 points.

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